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**Office Action Summary**

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: 1.105.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The following is a Non-Final Office Action in response to the application filed February 13, 2002. Claims 1-21 are pending.

This Office action has an attached requirement for information under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105. A complete response to this Office action must include a complete response to the attached requirement for information. The time period for reply to the attached requirement coincides with the time period for reply to this Office action.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-11, 14-16 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Event411.com, hereinafter referred to as "Event411".

As per claims 1, 5 and 15, Event411 teaches providing an event management server operably coupled to the data communications network ("Plan your event on-line free": page 1, paragraph 1 which teaches an on-line event planner); providing a database operably coupled to the event management server having event specific information stored thereon ("Plan your event on-line free": page 1, paragraph 2 where message boards, calendars and photos related to the event are stored which constitutes a database); receiving by the event management server from a planner client a modification of the event specific information via the data communications

network ("Event411.com to provide 'life event' planning...": page 1, paragraph 2 where the budget tracker module allows editing which constitutes a modification of information); dynamically updating by the event management server the event specific information stored on the database using the modification of the event specific information ("Event411.com to provide 'life event' planning...": page 1, paragraph 2 where the ability to edit the information would not be useful unless it updated the database. The new/updated information is stored for future use.); receiving by the event management server from a user client an event information request via the data communications network; generating by the event management server the dynamically updated event specific information; and transmitting by the event management server to the user client the dynamically updated event specific information via the data communications network ("Plan your event on-line free": page 1, paragraph 3 where the user enters the site and registers and creates a home page to manage guests or other activities. This means the user requested to create a home page and the system updated the system and provided a home page to the user. Since the system also allows editing, the act of editing information in the system would also perform the same function of requesting information from the server and producing the item the user wants to edit to allow for the editing process.).

As per claims 2 and 6, Event411 teaches generating event data using an event information center module, the event data including at least one of event detail information, event schedule information, hotel information and speaker information ("Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management...": page 2,

paragraph 4 where the Housing Manager manages hotel reservations in real time for attendee, planner and hotel).

As per claims 3 and 7, Event411 teaches generating task data using a task management module, the task data including at least one of user name, task description, task category and task date ("Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management...": page 2, paragraph 3 where the system has a task manager which constitutes a task management module. Where a task is noted in paragraph 4 as organizing all attendee information in one place which would constitute a task category of attendee manager.).

As per claims 4 and 8, Event411 teaches generating expense data using an expense tracking module, the event data including at least one of expense category, expense subcategory, expense estimate, actual expense and balance due ("Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management...": page 2, paragraph 3 also lists an expense tracker module where it keeps track of who has paid as noted on page 3 which constitutes an expense category).

As per claim 9, Event411 teaches user-specific information associated with each of a plurality of users and transmitting the dynamically updated event specific information to the event site includes the step of: receiving a user identification from one of the users ("Event411.com enables the orange county register...": page 1, paragraph 1 where the system requires the user to log onto the system which constitutes user identification); and transmitting a user-specific event page to one of the users, the user-specific event page including the event specific information and the user-specific

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information ("Event411.com enables the orange county register...": page 1, paragraph 4 where the Orange County register's site will appear with information about the Valentine's day contest and the user is able to enter in their 125 word or less submission.).

As per claim 10, Event411 teaches the user client is one of a planner client, administrator client and an attendee client ("Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management...": page 2, paragraph 4 where the Housing Manager manages hotel reservations in real time for attendee, planner and hotel).

As per claim 11, it teaches the same limitations as claim 1 and 9 and is therefore subject to the same art rejections.

As per claim 14, teaches the same limitations as claims 4 and 8 and is therefore subject to the same limitations.

As per claim 16, Event411 teaches the data processing module is an event information center module wherein the event information center module is configured to process event information data ("Plan your event on-line free": page 1, paragraph 1, where the system is an online event planner that organizes events).

As per claim 19, Event411 teaches the user is an event planner ("Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management...": page 2, paragraph 4 where the Housing Manager manages hotel reservations in real time for attendee, planner and hotel).

As per claim 20, Event411 teaches the user is an event attendee ("Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management...": page 2, paragraph 4 where

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the Housing Manager manages hotel reservations in real time for attendee, planner and hotel).

As per claim 21, Event411 teaches the user is an event management system administrator ("Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management...": page 2, paragraph 4 where the Housing Manager manages hotel reservations in real time for attendee, planner and hotel, where the Housing Manager functions as an event management administrator.).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 12-13 and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Event411.com, hereinafter referred to as "Event411".

As per claims 12 and 17, Event411 teaches the data processing module is a task management module. ("Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management...": page 2, paragraph 3 where the system has a task manager which constitutes a task management module.). Event 411 does not explicitly teach a request for a task generation and a task assignment request. Official notice is taken that it is old and well known that task management modules generate and assign resources to tasks. Microsoft Office 97 encompasses Microsoft Project which is a task management

system that can both generate tasks and assign resources to tasks. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the task management system of Event411 with the ability to generate and assign resources to tasks to provide means for organizing components of the event.

As per claim 13, Event411 does not explicitly teach the request includes a task modification request. Official notice is taken that it is old and well known for a task management module to allow modification of tasks. Microsoft Project, part of Microsoft Office 97, is a task management system that allows information associated with the tasks to be updated. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the task management system of Event411 with task modification ability to provide means for updating information and keeping it current.

As per claim 18, Event411 teaches the expense tracking module ("Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management...": page 2, paragraph 3 also lists an expense tracker module where it keeps track of who has paid as noted on page 3. Since the system is tracking expenses, it inherently maintains a record.). Event411 does not explicitly teach an expense calculation. Official notice is taken that it is old and well known for an expense tracking system to tally the total number of expenses, such as a register at a food store or clothing apparel store, to calculate the total expense amount. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the expense tracking modules of Event411 to tally or



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calculate the expenses it is tracking to provide means for reporting the total expenses accrued.

### ***Conclusion***

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following art also teaches about event planning:

"Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management software with PremierPlanner 2.5", Business Wire, November 9, 2000; "Event411.com to provide 'life event' planning tools on youdecide.com", Business Wire, October 26, 1999; "Plan your event online—free" by Desiree Everts, PC World Online, February 9, 1999;

"RSVP@myparty.com/web sites take care of event invitations so you don't have to" by Carrie Kirby, San Francisco Chronicle, January 20, 2000; "Remember 411 for events" by Tamara Gignac, Computer Dealer News, April 9, 1999; "Event411.com's cutting-edge online event-planning tools selected for demonstration at invitation-only technology industry venues", Business Wire, September 30, 1999; "Event411.com enables the Orange County Register readers and MyOC.com users to enjoy event411.com's state-of-the-art wedding planning tools", PR Newswire, January 27, 2000; "Event411.com and EventSource.com partner to streamline and manage corporate meeting planning", Business Wire, April 4, 2000; "Road test" by Terri Hardin, Successful Meetings, December 2000; "Event411.com acquires MeetUP.com; acquisition strengthens foothold of leading online meeting planning provider by entering into event housing category", Business Wire, September 22, 2000; "The Cutting Edge:

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Focus on Technology; Event Planner faces biggest party yet: DNC; Net: In an effort to show it can handle major projects, Event411.com offers free web services to keep track of convention meetings, issues” by Karen Kaplan, Los Angeles Times, August 7, 2000; webarchive pages from [www.event411.com](http://www.event411.com) from January 2001 (3 pages): “Event411 sets new standard for web-based meeting management software with PremierPlanner 2.5”; “It’s a party—who’s got the chips?”, Inside the Internet, December 2000; and “CyberStudios unveils bridal web site”, Report on Electronic Commerce, November 18, 1997.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Linda Krisciunas whose telephone number is 571-272-6931. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Tariq Hafiz can be reached on 571-272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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**Requirement for Information Under 37 CFR 1.105**

Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

The fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97.

The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete response to the requirement for that item.

This requirement is an attachment of the enclosed Office action. A complete response to the enclosed Office action must include a complete response to this requirement. The time period for reply to this requirement coincides with the time period for reply to the enclosed Office action, which is 3 months.

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In response to this requirement, please provide the citation and a copy of each publication which any of the applicants authored or co-authored and which describe the disclosed subject matter of Non Patent Literature found on Event411.com dated February 9, 1999 ("Plan your event on-line free" by Desiree Everts, PC World Online) that announces the launch of Event411.com by Event411, formerly Cyber Studios for event planning services. This systems appears similar in scope to the claimed invention which teaches an event planning system. Please provide documentation as to the abilities of the Event411.com system prior to February 2001 so the Examiner can fully understand the capabilities and differences between the two items.

Please also provide documentation of the Premier Planner system prior to February 2001, as cited in "Event411.com sets new standard for web-based meeting management software with PremierPlanner 2.5", Business Wire, November 9, 2000. Additional documents regarding the Event411.com system have been cited for additional support in the References Cited document PTO892.

The information is required to identify products and services embodying the disclosed subject matter of application 10/075474 and identify the properties of similar products and services found in the prior art.

In response to this requirement, please provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the disclosed prior art in application 10/075474.

  
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